

Remarks/Arguments

Reconsideration of the subject application as amended herein is respectfully requested.

Briefly, the subject application pertains to a watch with a case, a crystal, a radiation source (preferably a UV LED) disposed adjacent to the crystal and a dial disposed under the crystal and angled so that the amount of radiation impinging on the dial from the radiation source is maximized within the case. The claims have been amended to describe the invention more clearly.

The Examiner has rejected the claims as being anticipated by Ueno or obvious in view of Ueno in combination with Ushikoshi. The applicant respectfully traverses these rejections. Ueno discloses a watch with parallel crystal and faces and a radiation source in a corner. However, Ueno fails to appreciate that the watch face or dial can be angled from a point disposed under the radiation source (e.g., near the bottom of the case) to an opposite point near the crystal. The advantage of this arrangement in a watch with a radiation source adjacent to the crystal is that the amount of radiation from the source is maximized. In fact the inventor found that with this arrangement a uniform lighting is obtained across the dial.

Ushikoshi pertains to a hybrid watch having a flat dial that is parallel to the crystal and a digital LCD display 45 that is disposed at an angle with respect to the flat dial. However, the reason for the LCD display is angled is explained in Fig. 10 and col. 7 of the patent. As described therein, a special problem with LCDs is that it is hard to differentiate its activate and passive elements when viewed at a shallow incident angle. In this patent, in order to alleviate this problem, the LCD display is angled so that when a user looks at the watch, he sees the LCD display from an angle that is sufficient enough so that the above-mentioned problem is avoided. Thus, Ushikoshi provides his LCD display at an angle in order to solve a very specific problem related to LCD panels. This problem has nothing to do with dials having the arrangement

discussed above. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that there is nothing in the references that would lead a person skilled in the art to combine them in the manner proposed by the Examiner.

The applicant hereby states that by the amendments shown hereinabove, no new matter is being added to the subject application.

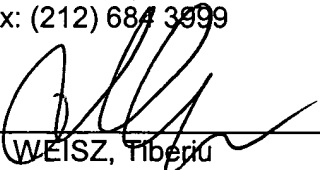
It is respectfully submitted that the subject application is now in patentable condition and should be allowed.

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